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SUBJECT: INDONESIAN GATT WAIVER

REF: A. GENEVA 5660; B. 75-GENEVA 5724; C. 75-GENEVA 9259

1. AS ANTICIPATED IN ITEM 13 OF REFTEL (A), INDONESIA HAS NOW FORMALLY SUBMITTED REQUEST FOR GATT WAIVER TO ABOLISH THE ENTIRE INDONESIAN GATT SCHEDULE (SCHEDULE XXI). L/4398 OF 20 SEPT BEING POUCHED NORMAL WASHINGTON DISTRIBUTION AND TO JAKARTA. AS WASHINGTON WILL BE AWARE, THIS IS A MAJOR MOVE BY INDONESIA, AND WE URGE ATTENTION TO PREVIOUS TRAFFIC ON THIS SUBJECT, ESPECIALLY REFTELS (B) AND (C). INDONESIAN REQUEST IS CAREFUL TO NOTE THAT CPS GRANTED THIS TYPE OF WAIVER TO BRAZIL IN 1956. WE BELIEVE THAT U.S. SUPPORT FOR SUCH A WAIVER WOULD NOT OBVIATE OUR WITHDRAWING CONCESSIONS AGAINST INDONESIA TO COMPENSATE FOR LOSS OF BINDINGS. OTHERWISE, IT IS OUR EXPECTATION THAT OTHER LDCS WOULD PRESENT SIMILAR WAIVER REQUESTS IN THE HOPE OF GETTING OUT OF PREVIOUS GATT BINDINGS.

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2. THIS PARTICULAR CASE IS A SENSITIVE ONE, AS INDONESIAN

MISSION PREVIOUSLY INFORMED US THAT THEIR GATT SCHEDULE TO WHICH THEY ARE TIED WAS NEGOTIATED BY THE DUTCH PRIOR TO INDEPENDENCE. ALSO, THEY ARE CONVINCED THAT WHATEVER GATT BINDINGS THEY HOLD FROM OTHERS ARE OF LITTLE VALUE. NOTE: INDONESIANS DO NOT APPEAR TO BE CLEAR IN THIS RESPECT RE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN INRS AND SUBSTANTIAL SUPPLIER INTEREST.

3. RECOMMENDED ACTION: AS THIS MATTER WILL COME BEFORE THE NEXT GATT COUNCIL (EXACT DATE NOT YET KNOWN), WE URGE THAT WASHINGTON MOVE QUICKLY TO ANALYZE WHAT SUCH A WAIVER WOULD MEAN FOR THE UNITED STATES, BOTH IN TERMS OF INDONESIA'S GATT SCHEDULE AND OUR OWN BINDINGS TO THEM. ALTHOUGH ANCIENT HISTORY MAY WELL BE INVOLVED, ANY KNOWLEDGE U.S. MAY HAVE OF BINDINGS OBTAINED FOR INDONESIA BY THE DUTCH SHOULD BE USEFUL IN WASHINGTON'S ANALYSIS.

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